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In re application of:

HANS BOEHRINGER et al.

Application No.: 08/812,616

Filed: March 6, 1997

For: QUANTITATIVE LATERAL FLOW ASSAYS AND DEVICES

Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: C. Chin

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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1 2 In response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2000, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 24-52, 54-55, 64 and 82-119, and amend claims 1, 8, 10, 15, 23, 53, 56-63, 65-71, 73-81 and 120 as follows:

In claim 1, lines 8-9, after the words "complementary to", delete the words "or analogous to".

In claim 8, line 2, delete the words "an ligand" and substitute therefore --a ligand--.